

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected claims 27 through 29 and 33 through 35 under 35 U.S.C. §112. The Examiner has also rejected claims 1 through 30 and 33 through 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the withdrawal of the above rejections.

**The Section 112 Rejections**

The Examiner has rejected claims 27 through 29 and 33 through 35 under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph for being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as invention. The Examiner has pointed out that proper antecedent basis is lacking in these rejected claims. Accordingly, “the” has been amended to “a” in these claims. For the above reasons, Applicants now respectfully submit to the Examiner that the rejections of claims 27 through 29 and 33 through 35 under 35 U.S.C. §112 should be withdrawn.

**The Section 103 Rejections**

The Examiner has also rejected claims 1 through 30 and 33 through 36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Although claims 32 is listed “rejected” on line 6 of “Deposition of Claims” on Office Action Summary, DETAILED ACTION fails to address claim 32. On the other hand, claim 36 is not listed “rejected” on line 6 of “Deposition of Claims” on Office Action Summary, DETAILED ACTION on page 9 describes that claim 36 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

The Examiner further objected to claims 31 and 37 and indicated allowance if these claims are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 31 and 37 respectively depend from independent claims 1 and 14. Accordingly, the subject matter limitations of the objected claims 31 and 37 are respectively

incorporated into independent claims 1 and 14 as the Examiner has indicated for allowance, and objected claims 31 and 37 have been cancelled. In view of these claim amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit to the Examiner that the currently pending section 103 rejections should be withdrawn.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a favorable Office Action so indicating.

Respectfully submitted,

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